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CITY OF RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA – COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD – JANUARY 8, 2019

The Commercial Development Board of the City of Rainbow City, Alabama met in a regular session at 4:30 P.M. The following people were present:

Present: Jeff Boyd, Chairman Elizabeth Barnett James Ford Lee Harrison Braydon Hawk Bob Klein

Absent: Kyle Chambers

Also present: Dana Rice, City Attorney Wiley McLain, Building Official Joel Garmon, Planning Coordinator

- 1. Chairman Jeff Boyd declared a quorum of the Industrial/Commercial Development Board was present. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. and the following business was discussed/transacted.
- 2. The minutes from the November 13, 2018 meeting were presented. Lee Harrison moved to approve the minutes as presented. Bob Klein seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Jeff asked if any members had anything to discuss or anything to focus on to help get things going in Rainbow City. Any suggestions for things to work on.
- 4. Lee Harrison announced that he, Andy Harp and Harold Weaver were now all in a partnership for Gardens-On-Air and hydroponic growing of vegetables. Lee stated they are moving the operation to the old Frio's location on Airport Road. The plans are to be able to sell to stores like Publix, Kroger's, Market Place in Atlanta and others. In the future, they plan to have a store set-up in the building on Airport Road to sell their produce. They also plan to educate people on the working process of hydroponically grown sprouts, microgreens, etc. Lee stated they will have 5 to 7 employees once they get all the equipment in place and up and running.
- 5. The Board members discussed replacing Kyle Chambers with Tim Ramsey. Tim is now a County Commissioner and the Board would like to have him back as a member.
- 6. Jeff gave the members a brief update on Retail Strategies. Jeff also sent an email to everyone to let them see what is going on with the group and to share the information that he has from Retail Strategies.
- 7. The next meeting will be February 12, 2019 at 4:30 P.M.
- 8. There being no further business to discuss, Lee Harrison moved to adjourn. Bob Klein seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hill, Secretary Commercial/Industrial Development Board